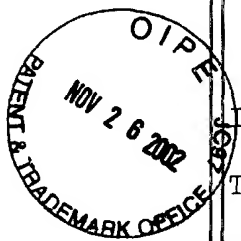


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Takashi AOYAMA et al.)
Serial No. 09/438,392) Examiner: Jane J. Zara
Filed: November 12, 1999) Group Art Unit: 1635
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002 for one month from October 26, 2002 to November 26, 2002.

Please charge the cost of the extension to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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